

Hello, Iowa Youth Congress members:

Below you will find the 3 bills that were passed by the 2009-2010 Iowa Youth Congress.

This website allows you to enter your address and find out who your local legislator is: <http://www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/>. Click on your representative and senator in order to email, call, or write them. Their office and personal information is included. It would be best for you to contact them personally since they are not in session yet.

**\*\*Please contact us when you have gotten in touch with your legislator so we can keep track of who has been contacted.**

If you have any questions, contact your Iowa Youth Congress cabinet:

- Cameron Griffin Redmond, President
- Christian Hurd, Vice President
- Vera Zhao, Secretary
- Arti Bhakta, Treasurer

We do not have email addresses for the following people; please let them know or send me their email address:

- Osvaldo Carrillo (Muscatine)
- Emmanuel Ortega (DM East)
- Steven McKinney (Kimberly Center)
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## **1. Revision of the Eminent Domain Law in Iowa**

- State will require that tenants be provided with assistance by the private owner (see bullet #4)
- If tenants are removed, there must be progress in the construction of the proposed project within the year (signed contract to show what is built)
- Contract must be signed at least 6 months before announcement of relocation and officially created by government and the victim to ensure no un-proposed items can be constructed.
- 6 months warning before relocation (limitations on distance, preferably within the city limits)
- Private contractor will be paying the difference in housing if the new place of resident is too expensive (for 6 months). Owner will also provide meetings with housing representatives to find a new place to live.
- Fine for a private owner who did not follow through on originally planned project should be 5% of the price originally paid for the land which would be distributed among the tenants that were evicted.

## **2. Sign Language (ASL/English): Foreign Language Option**

## **3. Resolution on Higher Education/Dream Act**

- In process of applying for citizenship
- Only 3 state university/community colleges
- Meets minimum required years of state residency
- Proof to show the number years in state
- Meet all requirements for admission for institution